

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners received an application on September 18, 2020 from PacifiCorp dba Rocky Mountain Power to permit as a Conditional Use, the Gateway West Segment D-1 Transmission Line Project in portions of Sections 6 and 7, Township 30, Range 77, portions of Sections 9, 16, 17, 20, 21, 29, 31, and 32, Township 31, Range 77, portions of Sections 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 34, Township 30, Range 78, portions of Sections 3, 10, 15, 21, 22, 28, 32, 33, Township 29, Range 78 .

WHEREAS, the Natrona County Planning and Zoning Commission, pursuant to Section 18-5-202(b) W.S 1977, held a public hearing on December 8, 2020, due notice of which was provided, to consider the same and forwarded a recommendation for approval to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Section 18-5-202(c) W.S 1977, held a public hearing on January 5, 2021, due notice of which was provided, on this matter in compliance with the Wyoming State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the conditional use is consistent with the provisions of the Zoning Resolution of Natrona County, and will not adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare of the Natrona County citizens. The Board of County Commissioners hereby makes the following findings of fact in regards to this Conditional Use Permit:

1. The Conditional Use Permit will not contribute to overburdening of county services. The applicant will work with Natrona County Road & Bridge to obtain applicable required permits for county road ROW access, utilities, installation, and oversized vehicles. Additionally, before using county roads, the Construction Contractor(s) will document pre-construction road conditions and will return existing roads to pre-construction conditions.
2. Rocky Mountain power will minimize the effects of Project construction activities on public transportation and traffic and provide for public safety. The Project has been developed and sited to minimize environmental impacts through compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.
3. The Project is compatible with the existing and future land uses. The general area in which the Project is situated is in the Ranching, Agriculture, and Mining (RAM) Zoning District. Transmission line development is an appropriate use of land in the RAM district and will not change the character of the district. The RAM district is intended for predominantly rural and agricultural activities. The Project will cross rural areas characterized by open space and rangeland, where grazing is the predominant land use. Grazing will be able to continue in the Project ROW.
4. The Project will not be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare. The Project, sited in rural, undeveloped areas zoned for agricultural purposes, is compatible with the intent of both the Land Use Plan and the Zoning Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE: it is hereby resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, Natrona County, Wyoming, to approve the Conditional Use Permit to allow the Gateway West Segment D-1 Transmission Line Project.

The Permittee shall:

1. Obtain a utility license for each highway crossing and an access permit for any new access roads on state highways per the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT);
2. Consult with BLM and USFS on the new power line located on federal surface that goes up and over Deer Creek Range, discuss motorized vehicle use in this corridor;
3. Complete a Density Disturbance Calculation Tool (DDCT) analysis for construction activity occurring in sage-grouse core area as part of the permitting process;
4. Work with Natrona County Road & Bridge to obtain applicable required permits for county road ROW access, utilities, installation, and oversized vehicles.



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5. Have the Construction Contractor(s) document pre-construction road conditions and return existing roads to pre-construction conditions for any county maintained roads that will be utilized.
6. Have until January 1, 2023 to start the project.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2021.



ATTEST: Tracy Good
Tracy Good, County Clerk

**My term of office expires
January 3, 2023**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Natrona County, Wyoming

Paul Bertoglio
Paul Bertoglio, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Eric K. Nelson
Eric K. Nelson, County Attorney